News-Item "AIIMS Lab has Unfit but Experienced Staff"

331. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned AIIMS lab has unfit but experienced staff, which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 22nd January, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, and

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to correct this deficiency and to address other problems mentioned in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes,Sir. The news-item, which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 22nd January, 2002 under the caption AIIMS lab has unfit but experienced staff is incorrect. The AIIMS has appointed total 623 Laboratory Staff including Laboratory Attendant. Out of 13, Sr. Tech. Officer (Lab) and 57 Tech. Officer (Lab), none is non-matriculate. Out of total 125 Tech. Assistant (Lab) and 193 Lab Technician two each at the level of Technical Assistant (Lab) and Laboratories Technician are matriculate. Only 13 persons who are working as Laboratory Attendant are non-matriculate. Their selection process were held before the implementation of the revised Recruitment Rules, *i.e.* 1.3.1992. However, under Cadre Review *w.e.f.*1.3.1992 the Recruitment Rules of Laboratory Cadre were revised. After implementation of the revised Recruitment Rules, it was observed that some of the Laboratory Staff were not fulfilling the qualifications prescribed under revised Recruitment Rules for their promotional post, though they were on the top in the seniority. Majority of the lab staff demanded for relaxed Recruitment Rules so that they could be considered for promotion. The matter regarding one-time relaxation in qualification for promotion to the post of Technical Officer (Lab) and Sr. Technical Officer (Lab) were examined and approved by the Institute on the recommendations of Dr. Ramesh Kumar Committee. Those who did not fulfil the Recruitment Rules or come under the one-time relaxation, were not allowed promotion to their higher-level post. It is also wrong to suggest that the most of the patients at AIIMS are referred to private diagnostic centres for critical tests. No patient is referred for their test to private diagnostic centre

until and unless situation is warranted such as the patients themselves prefer to get the test done outside the Institute to avoid delay or waiting.

Criteria for appointing local chemists

332. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "CGHS Ayurvedic Store Depot-Attention Ayurvedic and Unani Chemist", which appeared in the Hindustan Tines, dated 14th October, 2001;

(b) the names of Ayurvedic and Unani local Chemists who are dealing in only Ayurvedic and Unani medicines for sending their tenders for supply of medicines in Delhi/New Delhi/Gurgaon;

(c) the criteria fixed for appointing the local chemists; and

(d) the names of local chemists appointed for supply of medicines to the CGHS dispensaries, dispensary-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following chemists have submitted their tender for supply of Ayurvedic/Unani systems of medicine under CGHS dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi:

(i) M/s Bhusan Pharma

(ii) M/s Bhusari and Sons

(iii) M/s Kukreja medicos.

(iv) M/s Janendra medicos.

(v) M/s Dinesh medicos.

(vi) M/s Gayal medical store.

(c) The criteria fixed for appointing local chemists is the maximum percentage of discount offered by the chemist subject to fulfilment of other conditions laid down at Statement *(See* below*)*.